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**REPORT ON
VILLAGE OF DIVERNON
FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECT**

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INTRODUCTION

This report discusses the recommended flood hazard mitigation measures presented and prepared by the Village of Divernon.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM

The project area is within the Village of Divernon. It lies in the floodplain of Brush Creek. This community experienced two 100-year floods within eleven months. During the last flood on May 12, 2002, many homes were flooded for at least three days, requiring the residents to find temporary shelter until their homes were clear of health hazards.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

This project consists of the acquisition and demolition of approximately 10 structures. Nine of these structures are single family residences and one is a mobile home. All are located in the floodplain of Brush Creek in the northwest and southwest portions of the Village.

AUTHORITY

This project is being performed under the authority of the "Flood Control Act of 1945," 615 ILCS 15 (2000 State Bar Edition).

PROJECT BENEFITS

The acquisition of the floodplain properties will eliminate the need for future federal and state disaster assistance to affected residents. Additionally, removing structures affected by repetitive flooding will reduce the public health risks existing in this area, including the need for emergency services during flood conditions.

PROJECT COST

This project has been recommended for funding by the Acquisition/Relocation (A/R) Subcommittee of the Interagency Mitigation Advisory Group (IMAG). The Department of Natural Resources will provide \$150,000 of the total project cost, currently estimated to be \$600,000. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency will provide up to 75 percent of the remaining costs of the project.

FUTURE ACTIONS

The acquired property will be cleared and held as public open space and will be maintained by the Village of Divernon.

Village of Divernon

List of Potential Acquisition Sites

ADDRESS	PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
230 West Brown	35-21.0-127-001
233 West Lewis	35-21.0-127-006
230 West Lewis	35-21.0-130-001
221 West Lewis	35-21.0-130-002/003
221 West Brown	35-16.0-381-003
124 North Third	35-16.0-378-001/002/003
106 North Third	35-16.0-378-004/005
239 West Dyson	35-16.0-377-001/002
221 West Dyson	35-16.0-377-003/004
206 West Faithhorn	35-21.0-329-005